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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service;  
CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200,  
95-116, and 98-170**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

BT North America Inc. ("BTNA") made an oral *ex parte* presentation yesterday afternoon to the following members of the Wireline Competition Bureau staff: Diane Law Hsu, Acting Deputy Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division; and Paul Garnett and Jonathan Secrest of the same Division. BTNA representatives participating in the meeting included Sheba Chacko, Kristen Neller Verderame and Linda Cicco of BTNA, and the undersigned.

Following up on BTNA's comments filed in these proceedings, we discussed the methodology for applying the international exemption if the Commission adopts a connection-based contribution system.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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